DaimlerChrysler AG

Patent Claims

- 5 1. An exterior rearview mirror (1) for a motor vehicle,
 - with a mirror housing (2) and a wiper motor (3),
 - with a wiper arm (5) which is driven by the wiper motor (3) via a wiper mechanism (4) and bears a wiper
- 10 blade (7) for cleaning a mirror surface (6),
 - the wiper mechanism (4) generating an essentially parallel reciprocating movement of the wiper blade (7),

characterized

- in that the wiper mechanism (4) has a first L-shaped pivot arm (8) and a second L-shaped pivot arm (9) which are respectively mounted rotatably in a fixed position at their elbow (10, 10'),
- in that the two pivot arms (8, 9) are mounted
 rotatably, at their limb (11, 11') on the wiper side,
 on an inner parallel wiper arm (12),
 - in that an outer parallel wiper arm (13) which bears the wiper blade (7) is arranged on the inner parallel wiper arm (12),
- 25 in that the two pivot arms (8, 9) are driven by the wiper motor (3) at their limbs (14, 14') on the drive side.
- 2. The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the two L-shaped pivot arms (8, 9) are arranged essentially parallel and offset in terms of axis of rotation to each other in such a manner that the elbow (10) of the second pivot arm (9) is displaced along the limb (11), on the wiper side, of the first pivot arm (8).
 - 3. The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that a spring joint (15) is

arranged between the inner parallel wiper arm (12) and the outer parallel wiper arm (13), said spring joint being designed in such a manner that it presses the wiper blade (7) against the mirror surface (6).

5

10

- 4. The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized
- in that the two pivot arms (8, 9) are coupled to each other via a coupling rod (16) at their limbs (14, 14') on the drive side,
- in that the coupling rod (16) is connected to the wiper motor (3) via a further pendulum rod (17).
- 5. The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that one of the parallel wiper arms (12, 13) fits around the edge of the mirror surface (6).
- 6. The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in one of 20 claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the wiper mechanism (4) is fastened to the mirror housing (2).
- 7. The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the wiper 25 mechanism (4) is fastened to a support which at the same time bears the mirror surface (6).
- The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the exterior
 rearview mirror (1) is designed such that it can be adjusted electrically.
- The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the exterior
 rearview mirror (1) is designed such that it can be heated.

- 10. The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that the exterior rearview mirror (1) has a washing device.
- 5 11. The exterior rearview mirror as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the washing device is designed in such a manner that it only sprays washing liquid onto the mirror surface (6) in the direction of movement (18) in front of the wiper blade (7).